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Honorable Spencer Abraham
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I commend and wholeheartedly support your decision to release the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation ("PSSE") supporting the use of Yucca Mountain as a permanent underground repository for high-level radioactive waste. This key scientific report should help the federal government meet its legal obligation to safely dispose of the spent nuclear fuel that is accumulating at reactor sites throughout the country. It will also further endorse the already formidable amount of data that supports the viability of this site.

I know you understand the importance of resolving this issue now, rather than leaving it for future generations. The issuance of the PSSE will be crucial in accomplishing this objective. Additionally, this will be a vital step towards developing the workable national energy policy that you have been so instrumental in shaping.

I appreciate being given the chance to comment on this important decision and am particularly pleased that you have taken the next step towards resolving this important issue.

Sincerely,
POWER RESOURCES, INC.

Fletcher T. Newton
President and CEO